

## WIVES OF CABINET MEMBERS TO AID WOMEN'S HOSPITAL

Active participation in the drive of the American Women's Hospitals for \$300,000, with which to establish a chain of hospitals, dispensaries and dressing stations in France, Serbia, and Italy, was decided upon by the wives of the members of President Wilson's Cabinet at a conference yesterday.

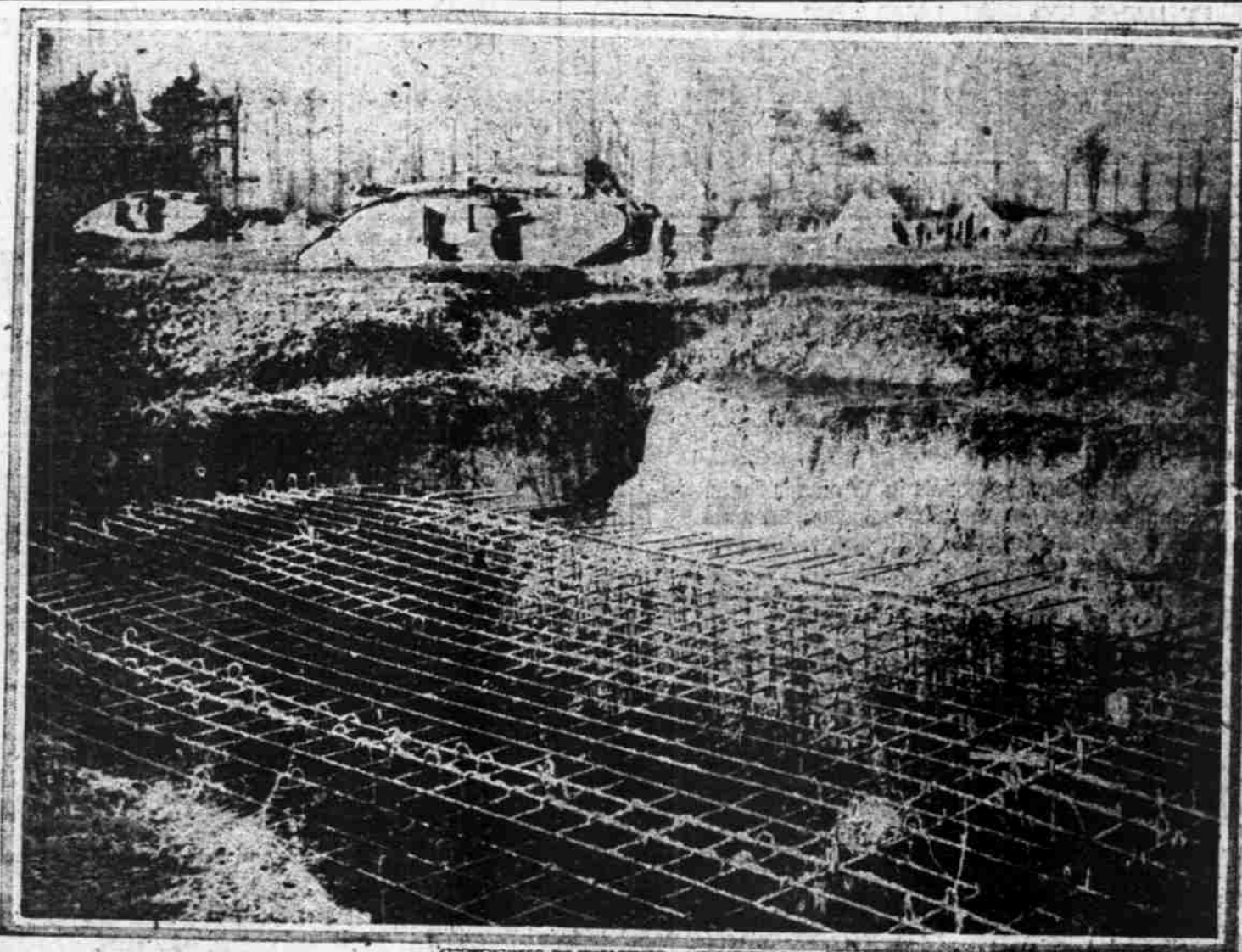
A series of meetings will be held by the Cabinet women this week to discuss methods of aiding the campaign. The women will co-operate with Dr. Gertrude Walker, who is directing the drive from New York. Already members of the honorary advisory board, the Cabinet members' wives decided upon active aid in the American Women's Hospital campaign after listening to appeals by Mrs. Charlotte M. Conger, the executive chairman of the organization, and Mrs. Sinclair Stoughton, the famous leader of the Scottish Women's Hospitals.

Mrs. Lansing Presides.  
Mrs. Robert Lansing, wife of the Secretary of State, acted as chairman of the meeting, which was held at her home. In addition to the wives of Cabinet members the conference was attended by Mrs. H. D. Flood, wife of the chairman of the House Foreign Affairs Committee; Miss Cannon, Mrs. Walter Penfield, Mrs. Byrd, Mrs. Orme, and Mrs. John A. Peters, wife of Congressman Peters of Maine.

Mrs. Conger told the women that the services of every American woman physician are needed in this time of crisis. They are not admitted to the Medical Officers' Reserve Corps, she said, and in consequence are compelled to organize for war service independently.

Mrs. Stoughton presented herself as "a living refutation" of a recent article in the American Medical Journal, in which military authorities were quoted as asserting that they had established that women were not capable of standing the strain of medical war service. She is a woman well over sixty.

## Tanks Spoil German New Style Dugout



The steel lattice work seen in the foreground was evidently intended by the Germans, who built it, as a roof of a rather elaborate dugout as a lolling post for German officers. Whatever palatial plans the Germans had in mind when this steel grating was laid were dashed to pieces when a few "tourists" in the shape of English tanks came along.

Slow as they are, the big armored caterpillars came so fast on the German lines that the enemy had no time to destroy their handiwork, which is not according to their custom. Two of the tanks can be seen in the background following the successful attack. Infantrymen are preparing to restore the "works" vacated by the fleeing Germans.

## SERVICE CHANGES ON W. R. & E. TO TAKE EFFECT SOON

Improvements in the service on the down-town lines of the Washington Railway and Electric Company, ordered yesterday by the Public Utilities Commission, were inspired by the improved service rendered by the Capital Traction Company after that line had followed recommendations offered by John A. Beeler, traffic expert, it became known today.

Skip stops, double berthing of cars, raised platforms, and other changes ordered by the commission on the lines of the Washington Railway and Electric Company will become effective April 7, according to the order of the commission.

Conferences between representatives of the company and members of the commission have resulted in a complete understanding regarding the new improvements ordered. Street cars will continue to stop at the emergency fire points, according to the order of the commission, but passengers will not be taken on or off except at certain specified points in the area covered by the commission's order of yesterday.

## EIGHT-HOUR DAY IS FIXED FOR PACKERS

CHICAGO, March 31.—The basic eight-hour day was ordered in the nation's packing industry by Federal Judge Samuel Alschuler's award in the packing arbitration today.

Wage increases ranging from 4½ cents an hour to employees receiving 30 cents and under an hour at present, and ranging down to 3½ cents per hour to employees being paid over 40 cents an hour, were also granted.

The eight-hour day goes into effect May 3, 1918, and the wage advances are retroactive, effective as of January 14, 1918.

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Easter egg rolling will be taboo in every public park in Washington tomorrow.

The White Lot will not be opened to the egg rollers. Neither will any of the public parks, and egg rollers will not be permitted in the Zoo.

At the request of the Food Administration the office of public buildings and grounds has issued instructions that egg rolling is not to be permitted in any of the parks. The same stand has been taken by the District authorities, and by the Smithsonian Institution, which has control of the Zoo.

Police, both the United States and District forces, have been instructed to see that the orders against egg rolling are not violated.

Those who wish to have luncheon in Rock Creek or the other parks will be permitted to do so, as usual. There is no restraint or limit upon the use of the parks for ordinary purposes, though the White House Grounds will not be open to the public.

The administration will not discourage the Eastern custom of bringing candy, china or tin eggs for the amusement of the children, but wagers of eggs will be discouraged.

## N. Y. ATHLETIC CLUB OUSTS PRO-GERMANS

NEW YORK, March 31.—Three members of the New York Athletic Club are under suspension today following their utterance of alleged pro-German remarks. They are said to have expressed the hope that Germany would win the present drive against the allied forces. Another member has been expelled outright by the club for the same cause. An evidence of the loyalty of the club is indicated in the posting last night of the following notice:

"During the war the German language must not be spoken in the club house. Any member bringing an enemy alien, male or female, into the club, will be expelled." Other New York clubs are planning to follow the same course.

## WINSLOW VAN DEVANTER PROMOTED FROM RANKS

Winslow B. Van Devanter, son of Justice Van Devanter, of the United States Supreme Court and well known in Washington, is now a second lieutenant in the coast artillery corps.

While a sophomore in Yale Van Devanter enlisted in the regular army last June, and was stationed at Fort Totten, N. Y. He took this step without his parents' knowledge.

Displaying unusual ability in coast artillery tactics he was sent to an officers' training school at Fort Monroe last December. Two days ago Justice Van Devanter was notified that his son successfully passed examinations and had been commissioned.

The young officer was an athlete at Yale and a close student of military science. He was born in Cheyenne, Wyo., and received his preparatory education at the Hotchkiss School in Connecticut. He is twenty-one years old.

## UNIVERSAL TRAINING BILL WILL BE PUSHED

Senator Chamberlain, chairman of the Senate Military Committee, has no intention of dropping the fight for universal training because the new amendment to the bill extending the draft law was beaten in the Senate.

On the contrary, Senator Chamberlain is deeply pleased over the fact that the new amendment developed so much strength. The amendment was beaten only by a close vote. The Senate turned down a motion to table it, then took up the amendment, discussed it, and voted on it after discussion.

Senator Chamberlain intends to urge his universal training bill at the opportune time. It is known as the result of canvasses that the bill has more strength than the amendment. This shows out of the fact the amendment did not comprehend a thoroughly worked out plan for universal training. The Chamberlain bill does.

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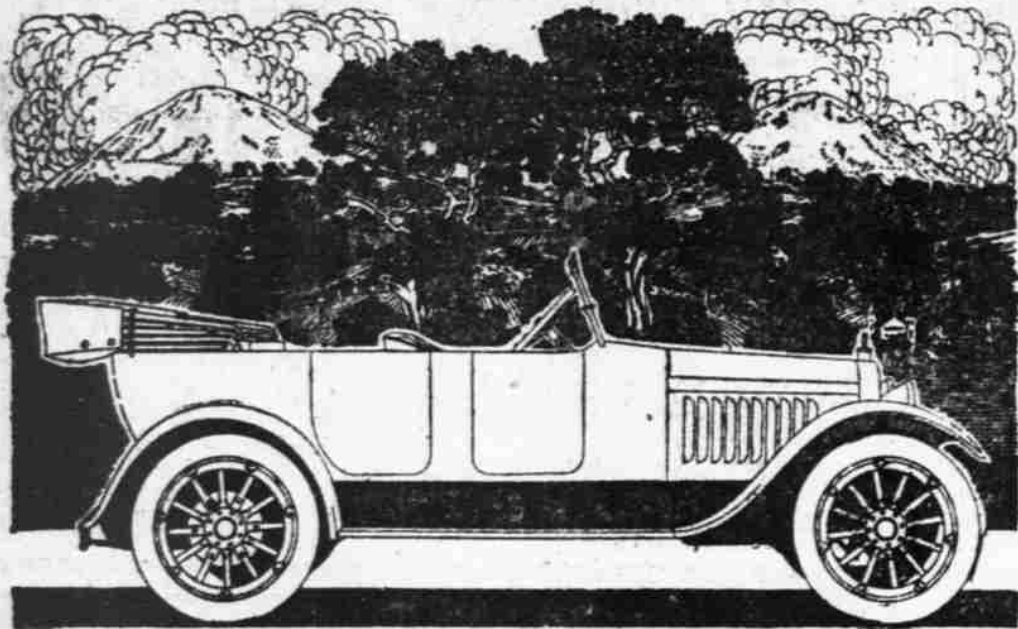
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